GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

School Education – Proficiency in English language – TOEFL exam and Global employment opportunities – Provisioning of e-Content of LIQVID English Edge Private Limited; free of cost, for use by the Department of School Education for students of grades 3 to 9 in Government schools until March 2024 (Academic Year 2023-24), to improve their speaking and listening skills and improve their performance in the TOEFL program - Also to conduct trainings for the officials of the Department of School Education - Accorded – Orders – Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (PROG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.267 Dated: 27/10/2023.
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.57, School Education (Prog.II) Department, dated:21.06.2023.
2. G.O.Ms.No.72, School Education (Prog.II) Department, dated:14.08.2023.

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The Government of Andhra Pradesh is committed to enabling and preparing the students studying in the Government schools to get high-end global jobs in futuristic technologies. To achieve this, it is focusing on transforming education in Government schools to make students to learn the skills to enable and prepare them for the future technologies. Since 2019, Government has been on a continuous endeavour to ensure that the young generation of Andhra Pradesh studying in Government Schools, become globally employable citizens.

i) In Academic Year (AY) 2019-20, English was made as a medium of instruction in all the 45,000 Government Schools. Today all the 41 lakh students studying in Government Schools are getting an education in English medium.

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ii) In AY 2020-21, Government introduced the Bilingual textbooks in the subjects of Science, Social Science, and Mathematics subjects.

iii) In AY 2022-23, to provide the students with national and global platforms for learning and recognition, for providing the best content in Science, Social Science and Mathematics, AV bilingual content from Byju's is being used by the Government in all the Government schools, to further strengthen the learning quality of the students. The Class VIII students and teachers were provided 5,18,740 personal TABS for learning enhancement with the Byju's App and content preloaded for the purpose of learning.

iv) In AY 2023-24, under the flagship program of Nadu-Nedu, digitization of the school infrastructure is being done through 30,213 Interactive Flat Panels (IFPs) in High Schools and 10,038 Smart TVs in Primary schools. In the leftover classrooms the IFPs and Smart TVs will be provided by 21st December 2023.

v) Provided robust High-speed Internet connectivity to Schools, for better utilization of Digital Infrastructure.

2. In the G.O. 1st read above, Government have approved the proposal for entering into agreement for Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination and certification of the students from Classes 3rd to 9th, by which the students will have the opportunity to be assessed. Further, Government has directed the State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha to take necessary action to enter into agreement with Education Testing Services (ETS) and get the program implemented through State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT).

3. The State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha on behalf of Government of Andhra Pradesh entered into MoU with TOEFL for the assessment of the students for the different sections of TOEFL exam. The preparation of the students from 3rd to 9th classes is

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required, as they will be writing the Main test and Readiness test. Currently, SCERT has prepared in-house content and they are giving this in-house content to all the teachers. The government has also issued an order that everyday TOEFL classes will be conducted in all the schools in the State. In the TOEFL class, the focus is on developing the Listening and Speaking skills which would be helpful for the TOEFL exam. The student should be able to listen and speak in Global accent. The government is developing speaking skills even for the primary school. Apart from whatever the material is prepared internally, there is need for material from a professional agency for good preparation of the students for the TOEFL exam.

4. Samagra Shiksha has called for Expression of Interest (EOI) twice, however there was not an encouraging response to the EOI as the Turnover requirement was higher. The Government has recently asked Samagra Shiksha to reduce turnover criteria and call for new EOI, however, the process for the finalization of EOI will take some time, it is important to provide content by a professional agency for the students for this academic year as well.

5. Currently the Government has also assigned teachers for teaching the TOEFL subject in the schools and directed for 1 period per day for the TOEFL training. The IFPs and Smart TVs are already provided in majority of the classes and the remaining classes will be provided with the IFPs by 21st December. Currently, only requirement that is pending is the e-learning TOEFL content.

6. During the market research it was brought to the notice of the Government that there is an organization called LIQVID English Edge, which has done exemplary work in the enhancing English language, communication and employability skills digitally. The organization is mapped with Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and trusted by mammoth organizations like British Council, Pearson, Cambridge University Press, MacMillan, Aditya Birla Foundation, Wiley, etc. It has served over 2.5 million learners in the past 2 decades and refined by 100 million learner

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data points. Moreover, it has designed the e-content as per the class and age appropriate which is useful for the students. LIQVID has done work in the field of English language learning solutions development and provided services to many others such as i) Cairn India, ii) The Allahabad University, iii) Fair and Lovely Foundation, iv) Frankfinn, v) Global Logic, vi) Indian Military Academy, vii) Jetking and viii) Odisha Model Tribal Educational Society.

7. The Government appealed to LIQVID that it is important that all the students of the current Academic Year in the Government Schools of Andhra Pradesh who will be writing exams and who are majorly from poor and middle-class family are provided content free of cost for this Academic year. The government has assured that they will not use the content from LIQVID after this Academic year. However, for training the teachers the experts from LIQVID will be called for the training. The total requirement will be for 3 people to come and train for 3 days and for 3 times costing about 1.95 lacs (2 lacs approx.) each time and total of 6 lacs (approx.). Samagra Shiksha has been doing this in the past. The content is coming for free of cost. For next Academic Year, the Samagra Shiksha has called for EOI and after the finalization of the tender content from the successful bidder will be used for teaching the students.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby requests Liqvid English Edge Private Limited, Noida to provide the software free of cost for use by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for students of grade 3rd to 9th in Government schools until March 2024 (Academic Year 2023-24), to improve their speaking and listening skills and improve their performance in the TOEFL program and also to conduct trainings to selected officials of the Department of School Education, subject to condition that there will be no further financial commitment either to Samagra Shiksha/Government other than the expenditure mentioned at para 7 of this G.O.

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9. The State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha will be the nodal officer for the project and will be duly assisted by the Commissioner of School Education and Director SCERT.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The CEO, LIQVID English Edge Private Limited, Noida.
The State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Commissioner of School Education, AP, Ibrahimpatnam.
The Director, SCERT, Ibrahimpatnam.
The PS to Spl. Chief Secretary to Chief Minister.
The OSD to Minister of Education.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government (SE).
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SECTION OFFICER